

CNST5084 - Methods in Construction Research

Final Proposal Grading Guideline

	Disappointed Expectations (Earns a C)	Met Expectations (Earns a B)	Exceeded Expectations (Earns an A)
Introduction/ Background	Problem area is vague and not researchable.	Meaningful problem that can be solved with research.	The challenge is supported by relative citations, statistics or data.
Literature Review/Point of Departure	No reference made to how others have tried to solve the specific problem being addressed.	Proposal shows evidence of building on the work of others. Existing knowledge is captured within some recognizable framework.	Proposal clearly establishes how it fits within the base of existing knowledge.
Research Goal and Objectives	Scope too big or small. Does not follow from problem area described earlier. Objectives are not measurable.	Specific, manageable scope established for the work. Research objectives are meaningful in terms of addressing the problem area.	Proposed contribution is significant and will advance the field in some way. Contribution is related to intended audience.
Research Design	Approach does not take into account logistics or contextual factors. Proposed approach does not appear to be implementable within the scope of your degree. Steps are missing.	Sound approach that identifies required data and describes and justifies how it will be obtained. Population and sampling approach are clear. No steps are missing.	Research design takes into account logistical challenges and represents an elegant way to complete the work. The approach is plausible given your capabilities, qualities and the resources available to you.
Implementation Plan	Some information missing or inconsistent.	Includes detailed task descriptions with inputs and outputs, schedule, required resources, and milestones for delivery.	Provides complete, credible, and consistent information that clearly describes how the work will get done. Provides easy-to-review summary tables.
Expected Outcomes and Impacts	Outcomes and impacts are not described. No link made between the work proposed here and how it can benefit society or its user base.	Likely outcomes of the work are described and clearly connected to the research. The benefits to the world at large of a solution to your problem are listed.	Impacts of the work are presented in a way that clearly establishes the importance of the topic area and the likelihood of this project to result in a meaningful solution.
References and Annotated Bibliography	ASCE format not used or used inconsistently. References not cross-checked with text. Annotated bibliography not well related to problem area.	All references match in-text citations and are in proper ASCE format. Annotated bibliography covers relevant, significant work in the problem area.	References are extensive and are representative of the bulk of significant work in the field. Annotated bibliography would be a useful, thorough tool to introduce novices to the field.
Supporting Information and Delivery	Name or title is missing. Spelling and grammar errors exist.	Has an appropriate title and your name is clearly indicated. Format is professional with no spelling or grammar errors.	Format is engaging and visually interesting. Layout is professional and clear to follow. Delivery is otherwise creative.